

Ash Wednesday Mass



Wednesday
February 17, 2021

+ 12:10pm Mass
+ 7pm Mass

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
A Beacon of Light for the City of Indianapolis

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor-row share And from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4. So shall we have peace di - vine: Ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, Ev - er con - stant by your side;



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2. Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, Strong with you to suf - fer pain?
3. Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!
4. Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, Such as served you faith - ful - ly.
5. That with you we may ap - pear At th'e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING JL 2:12-18

Lector: A reading from the book of Joel.

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

Lector: The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14 AND 17



1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me. **R.**

2. For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
“Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.” **R.**

3. A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R.**

4. Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 COR 5:20 - 6:2

Lector: A reading from the second letter of saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says:

*In an acceptable time I heard you,
and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Lector: The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

THE HOLY GOSPEL MT 6:1-6, 16-18

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest/Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.”

Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES

The priest invites us to enter into the mystery of this rite, and then leads us in the prayer of blessing. We come toward and stand before the ministers, who sprinkle the ashes on our heads*. In receiving this holy sign, we are told:

Priest/Minister: Repent, and believe in the Gospel (or)
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, ashes will be sprinkled on each person's head instead of the cross placed on foreheads. Sprinkling ashes on the top of the head recalls the biblical practice of putting on "sackcloth and ashes" as an act of penance.*

ASHES



1. We rise a-gain from ash-es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of-fer you our fail-ures, we ___ of-fer you at-
3. Then rise a-gain from ash-es, let ___ heal-ing come to
4. ‡ Thanks be to the Fa-ther, who ___ made us like him-

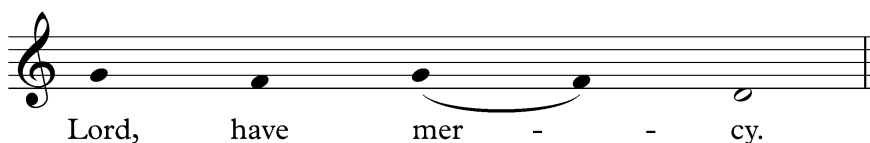
1. do. We rise a-gain from ash-es, to cre-ate our-selves a-
2. tempts, the gifts not ful-ly giv-en, the ___ dreams not ful-ly
3. pain, though spring has turned to win-ter, and ___ sun-shine turned to
4. self. ‡ Thanks be to his Son, ___ who ___ saved us by his

1. new. If ___ all our world is ash-es, then ___ must our lives be
2. dreamt. Give our stum-bl-ings di-rec-tion, give our vi-sions wid-er
3. rain. The ___ rain we'll use for grow-ing, and cre-ate the world a-
4. death. ‡ Thanks be to the Spir-it who cre-ates the world a-

1. true, an ___ of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to you.
2. view, an ___ of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to you.
3. new from an of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to you.
4. new from an of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to you.

LITANY OF THE SEASON OF LENT

Respond to each acclamation:



Lord, have mer-cy.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

1. For all members of the Church, through the intercession of the saints, may we always have hearts of repentance and conversion.

We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For those who hold political office, may they be guided in their duties by God's commandments.

We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For those who suffer in mind, body or soul, may they be graced by the healing presence of the Lord.

We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For all those who struggle in faith, may their hearts and minds be opened to see the light and power of God's grace in their lives.

We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For all of us gathered here today, may this time of Lent bring us to a deeper relationship with God.

We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For those who have died and will die today, may the mercy of God allow them to be welcomed into paradise.

We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. For the intentions of our parish prayer list, and at this Mass we pray:

[12:10 P.M.] for all families, widows and orphans, and for persecuted Christians.

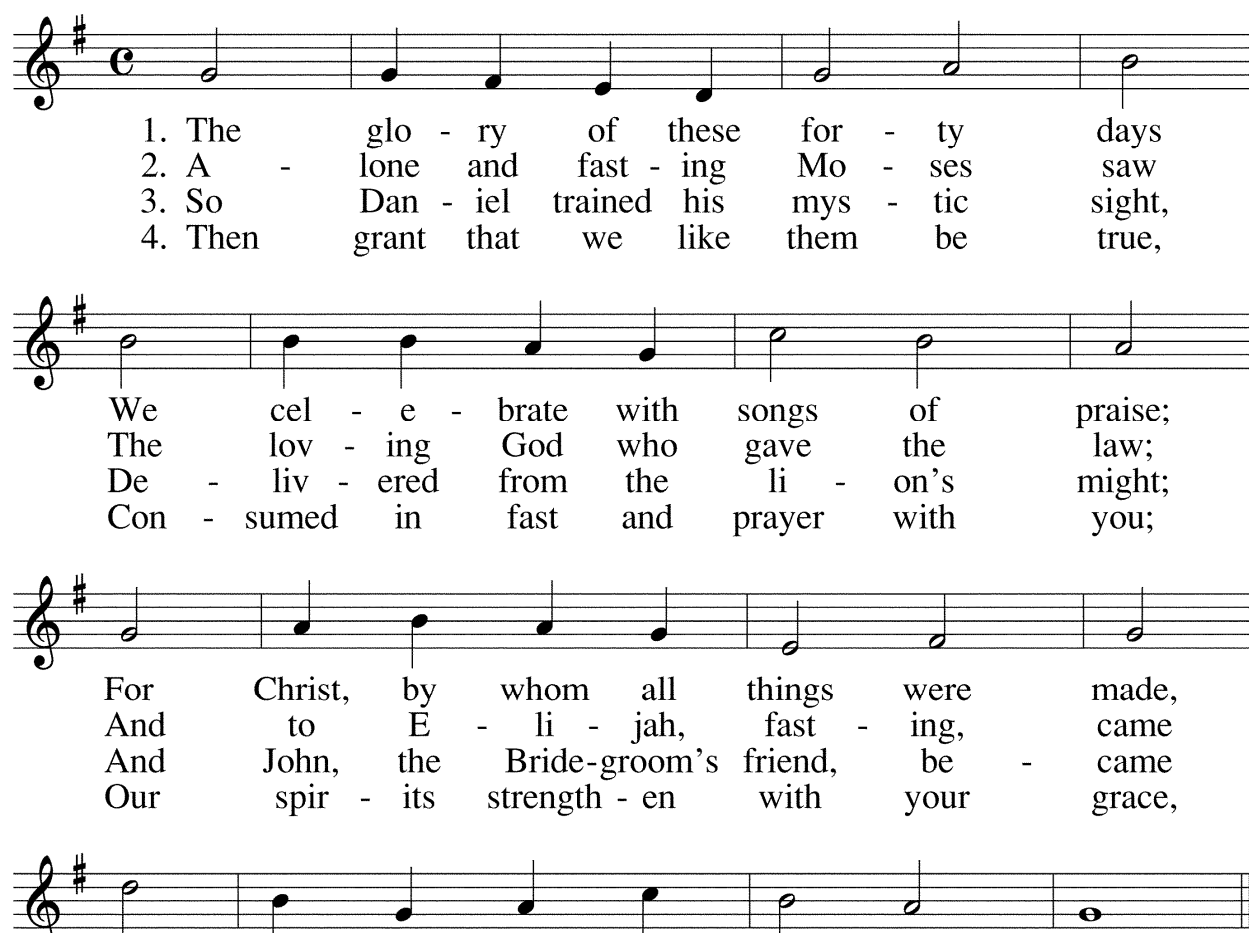
We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

[7:00 P.M.] for the deceased members of the Bartolowits and Crump families.

We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight,
4. Then grant that we like them be true,

We cel - e - brate with songs of praise;
The lov - ing God who gave the law;
De - liv - ered from the li - on's might;
Con - sumed in fast and prayer with you;

For Christ, by whom all things were made,
And to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came
And John, the Bride-groom's friend, be - came
Our spir - its strength - en with your grace,

Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
And give us joy to see your face.

Invitation to Tithe

For those gathered in the Church today, you may drop your tithe in the basket as the ushers come by your pew. To give online, please make your donation at:

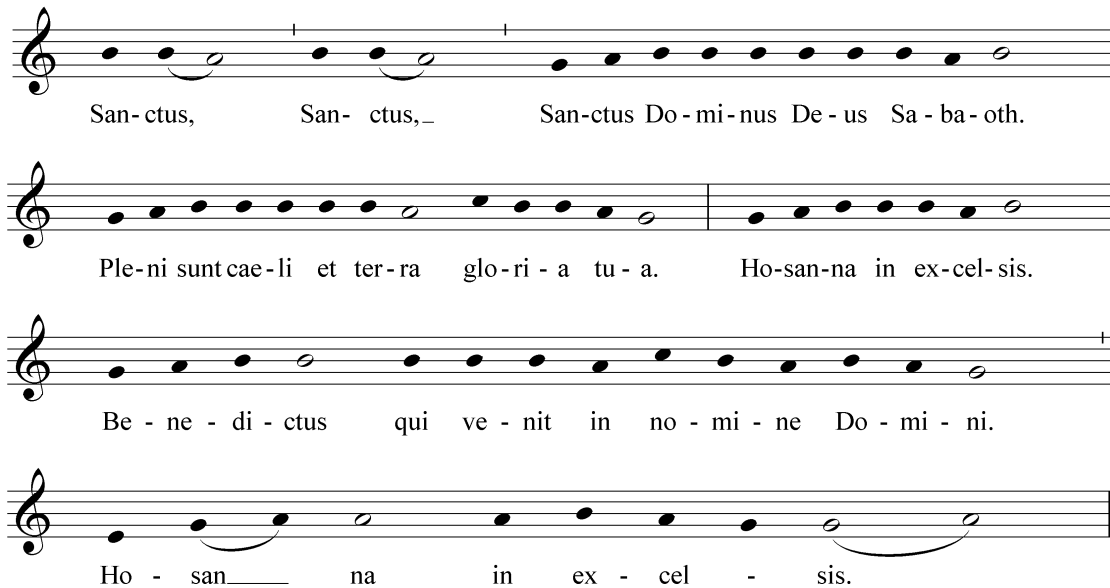
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Second Collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor

The Ash Wednesday second collection will go to the **Little Sisters of the Poor here in Indianapolis**. Their mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. To give to this collection: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4408/DirectDonate/69361>. Thank you for your generosity!

PREFACE DIALOGUE

SANCTUS



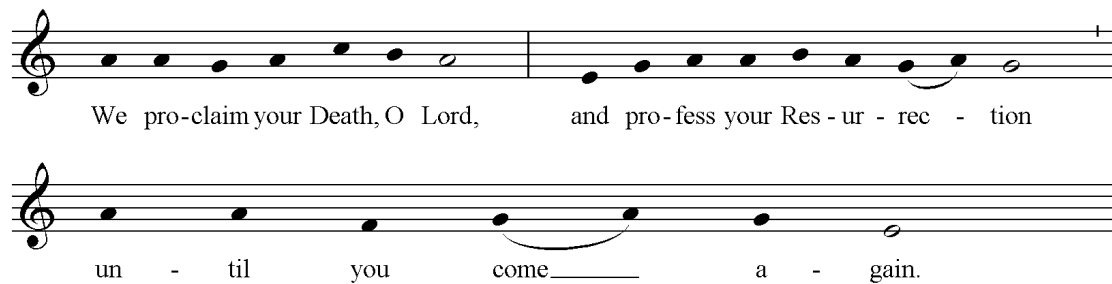
San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne Do-mi-ni.

Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion

un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN



A-men, a-men, a-men.

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

For the Our Father, please do not hold hands with those outside of your household.

SIGN OF PEACE

For the Sign of Peace, please bow or nod your head and smile to those not of your household, and say “Peace be with you”.

AGNUS DEI



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN O LORD, YOUR MERCY DOES EXTEND



- 1., 7. O Lord, your mer - cy does ex - tend To
 2. Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, to me, My
 3. I cry to you, O Maj - es - ty! Ful -
 4. Though I am caught in li - ons' jaws, Their
 5. My heart is stead - fast, God and King, I
 6. To God, the Tri - une One, we raise E -



- 1., 7. ev - 'ry - thing formed by your hand. You set re - pent - ant
 2. soul to you for ref - uge flees; In shad - ows of your
 3. fill your prom - is - es to me. De - scend from heav'n with
 4. teeth like ar - rows, tongues like swords, I praise you, Lord a -
 5. will make mel - o - dy and sing. With harp and lyre in
 6. ter - nal hymns of end - less praise. O Fa - ther, Son, and



- 1., 7. sin - ners free; O Lord and God, now par - don me.
 2. wings I'll lie, Un - til de - stroy - ing storms pass by.
 3. con - stan - cy, That none may hurt or har - ry me.
 4. bove the sky, Let not your glo - ry pass me by.
 5. grat - i - tude, I'll wake the dawn, for it is good.
 6. Par - a - clete, We praise your name in word and deed.

SECOND COMMUNION HYMN ATTENDE DOMINE



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

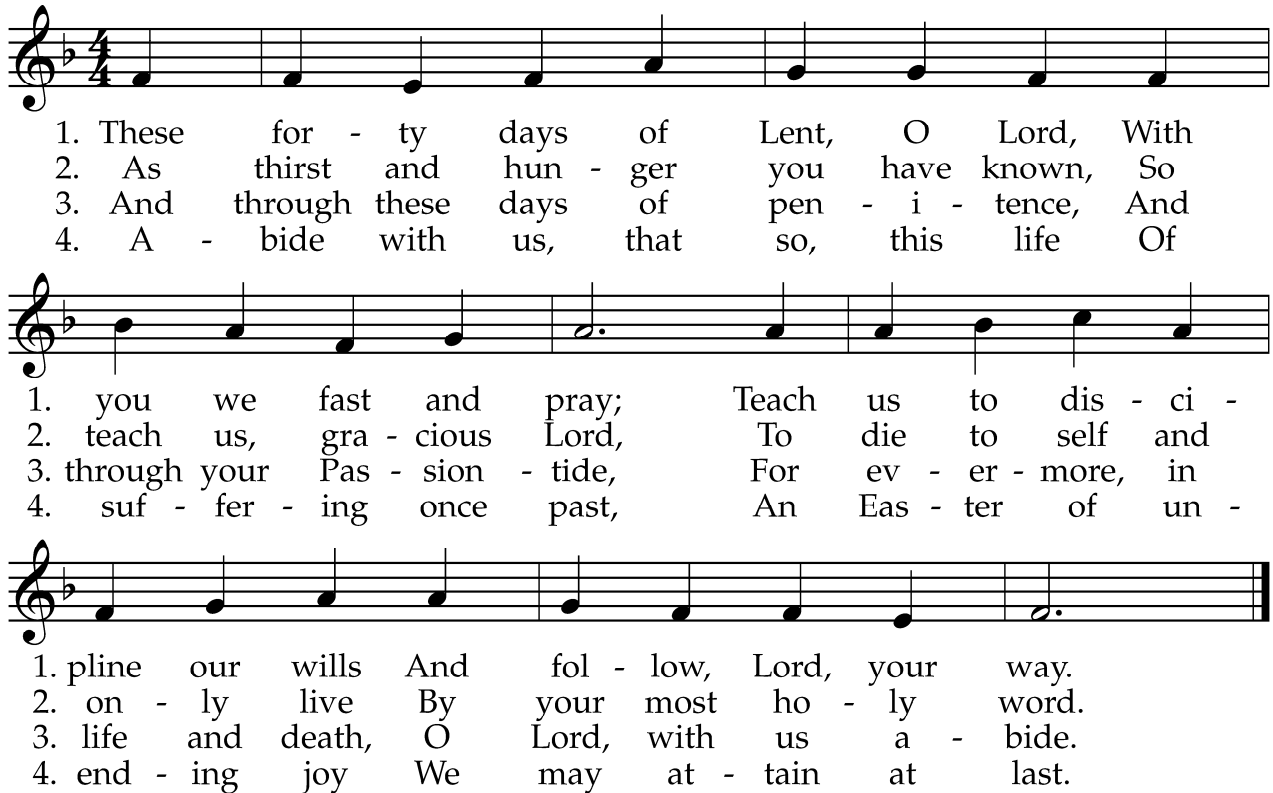
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Before you leave church today

Please, place this stick-it note on the pew where you sat so volunteers can clean there before the next Mass. Please, stay after Mass, if you are able, to help sanitize pews. Thank you!

Please, take this worship aid with you and do not place in basket. Thank you!

RECESSIONAL HYMN THESE FORTY DAYS OF LENT



1. These for - ty days of Lent, O Lord, With
2. As thirst and hun - ger you have known, So
3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
4. A - bid with us, that so, this life Of

1. you we fast and pray; Teach us to dis - ci -
2. teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self and
3. through your Pas - sion - tide, For ev - er - more, in
4. suf - fer - ing once past, An Eas - ter of un -

1. pline our wills And fol - low, Lord, your way.
2. on - ly live By your most ho - ly word.
3. life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
4. end - ing joy We may at - tain at last.

Vs. 1: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Vss. 2–4: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898, alt.

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The Whole Booke of Psalmes, London, 1562

How to give to St. John's

For those who are unable to meet in person each week, please consider giving to St. John's Sunday Collection. We invite you to give online through St. John's Online Tithing Platform provided by Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). It is safe and secure! All parishioners, friends and visitors of St. John's can give online through this direct donate link: <https://osvonlinegiving.com/4408/DirectDonate/56926>. You can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts (weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc).

For parishioners, friends or visitors who aren't comfortable with online tithing you may send in your envelope or gift by mail to St. John's. Please make a note that it is for the Sunday Collection. Gifts can be mailed to:

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Thank you so much for your generosity!

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Light a Candle inside St. John's

If you are able to attend Mass at St. John's, you may light a candle for a particular prayer intention you have and call upon a saint's intercession. Large candles are \$5 each and small candles are \$1 each.

If you are unable to attend Mass today, let Father Nagel light a candle for you inside St. John's! While you might not be present in the church to light candles - you can still have a candle lit and prayer intentions offered. Candles can be lit at any of the side chapels at St. John's (St. Mary, St. Joseph, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick, St. Anne and the Pieta Chapel of the Sorrowful Mother). You can have your candle lit for one week, one month or one year as well as offer a particular prayer intention. You can purchase your candle online or fill out the form online and mail your payment into St. John's.

See more info: <https://www.osvhub.com/stjohnsindy/forms/candles>

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LENT 2021

Lenten Opportunities with St. John's

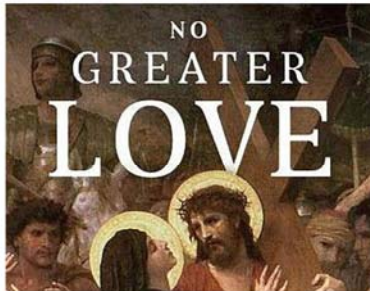


Consecration to St. Joseph

St. John's Mens & Womens Groups

Men's & Women's Series Consecration to St. Joseph

All are welcome to join with the Men's and Women's group as they journey through the St. Joseph Consecration. The women's group will be meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm and the Men's group will meet on Friday mornings at 6am. In person and virtual options are available. **More info can be found online: www.stjohnsindy.org.**



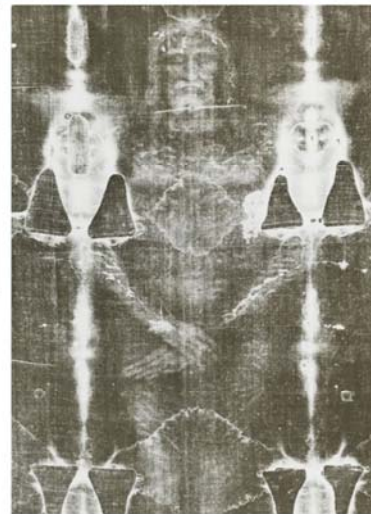
Parish Lenten Book Study

Feb 22-
March 28

Parish Book Study

No Greater Love - Edward Sri

Journey this Lent with other St. John parishioners through the book **No Greater Love** by Dr. Edward Sri. This book is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for each one of us. **Book Studies will be offered both in person and virtually** on various days/times of the week. Check website for sign-up info, coming soon! www.stjohnsindy.org/book-studies



Shroud of Turin Exhibit

March 21-26

The Shroud of Turin has long been venerated by the faithful and is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus. After decades of medical, historical and scientific research, the Center for the Study of the Passion of the Christ and the Holy Shroud has developed a moving & informative mobile exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. **The exhibit will be inside St. John's Parish Hall March 21-26 with scheduled days for groups to visit and tour the exhibit.** Check St. John's website for more info.

Haiti Lenten Fish Fry



Friday, March 12

Knights of Columbus Downtown Indy
5-7:30pm | Drive-Through & Possible Limited Indoor Dining

-All proceeds benefit St. John's Sister Parish, St. Nicolas in Mole, Haiti

Haiti Fish Fry Friday, March 12

Join in for the annual Haiti Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, March 12 from 5-7:30pm at the downtown Knights of Columbus**. This fundraiser supports our Haiti Mission and sister parish of St. Nicolas in Mole, Haiti. Adult tickets are \$10/person and children tickets are \$5/child and are smaller portions. **More info/purchase tickets online: www.stjohnsindy.org/fishfry.**



Before We Adore (Young Adult) What is Discernment?

Young Adults, join in on **Thursday, Feb 25** for **Before We Adore** starting at **6:30pm** inside the **Pan Am Parish Hall**. We'll have soups and drinks available followed by a talk on what is discernment at 7pm. We'll round the night with a Holy Hour of Adoration from 8-9pm inside St. John's. All young adults are welcome!

List of Upcoming Lenten Events:

Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday (Mass at 12:10pm & 7pm)
Feb 20 - Young Adult Lenten Retreat (Nashville, IN)
Feb 21 - Mass Minster Training (after 10:30am & 7pm Masses)
Feb 24 - St. John Evangelist Tour Guide Training Session (7pm)
Feb 25 - Young Adult Before We Adore at 6:30pm
Feb 26 - Pro-Life Film (I lived on Parker Ave)
March 12 - Haiti Fish Fry at downtown Knights of Columbus
March 25 - Young Adult Before We Adore at 6:30pm

ONGOING EVENTS:

-Parish Wide Book Study (Various days/times)
-Esto Vir Men's Group (Fridays at 6am)
-Beloved Daughter's Group (Tuesdays at 6:30pm)
-40 Days for Life (Thursdays at 6pm, Fridays at 3pm)
-Stations of the Cross (Fridays at 6pm)

More info online:

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Upcoming at St. John's

Lenten Small Group Book Study Sign-Ups

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Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent at 6pm

All are welcome to join in on Fridays during Lent at 6pm as we pray the Stations of the Cross inside St. John's. Stations will begin this Friday, February 19. All are welcome!

40 Days for Life – Thursdays at 6pm, Fridays at 3pm

Join St. John Parishioners in praying for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life Lenten campaign will run from Ash Wednesday, February 17- Palm Sunday, March 28. Through peaceful prayer outside of abortion facilities, 40 Days touches hearts and changes communities. St. John Prayer Hours will be Thursday evenings from 6-7pm or Friday afternoons from 3-4pm. All are welcome! For more information contact Sheryl Dye, smdye1@gmail.com.

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